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GOOD MORNING, MR. SHERMAN.

To-morrow promises to be a faithful day for Mr. Sherman in Ohio.

The extraordinary spectacle is presented of a United States Senator demanding of his party his endorsement of his candidacy for the highest office in the gift of the people, yet it must be admitted that extraordinary circumstances in the past have rendered this course not wholly unaccountable on Mr. Sherman's part, however much the politicians may disapprove of the wisdom or utility of such a move.

There are over seven hundred delegates accredited to the Republican State Convention which is to meet in Toledo and it is said that many were filled of these are opposed to the candidature of anybody, but it is quite reasonable to expect that the course will be carried out in some form.

The Republican party of Ohio can hardly afford to ignore the reasonable request of their foremost leader, and even if his methods are not altogether palatable so small a thing as this can well be overlooked in view of the great services which Senator Sherman, as a statesman in various responsible positions, has rendered to his country and the distinguished honor which he has certainly reflected upon the State.

Neither does it seem that even the partisan friends of Mr. Blaine can, with consistency stand in the way of Mr. Sherman's desire, for on no occasion has the latter fallen short of his full duty to the cause of his party and its candidates, nor ever been so shamefully treated or betrayed but that he buried his resentments for the moment and gave his betrayers the unqualified benefit of his campaign services.

It is argued that an endorsement by the Toledo Convention will have no obligatory force in the future. It may not be esteemed binding by the Republican delegates from Ohio to the National Convention, but it cannot fail to add largely to Mr. Sherman's prestige outside of the State, provided it is at all enthusiastic and cordial, and will give him leverage elsewhere that his friends can put into effective use.

We have said that to-morrow promises to be a faithful day for Mr. Sherman. It may be faithful for others. A refusal of the convention to stand by the Senator might lead to consequences quite as disastrous to Mr. Blaine as to himself.

Mr. Sherman simply wants to be known whether his people at home are ready to support his aspirations. It is the duty of the Toledo Convention to do so, and it is the duty of the Senator to do so.

But if Ohio is not for him, what then?

It is to be expected of Mr. Sherman that he will always bury his resentments—that there is no limit to his endurance of humiliation and insult—that he will continue to lead in the forefront of battle in the interests of allies, to make room for whom he has been repeatedly relegated to the rear.

And if the time ever does come when Mr. Sherman, as was said by Mr. Conkling, "walks in his tent," will be to the head of the ticket which he lets go with the cold complacency of his silence and a perfunctory vote.

It has been stated, how correctly we are not prepared to say, that President Cleveland has never visited any portion of our broad national domain lying west of Buffalo. If this is a fact, what a startling revelation awaits him on his contemplated tour this fall through a section of the vast area of territory tributary to the Mississippi Valley! No previously conceived ideas, however liberal, can comprehend the greatness of the actualities. It is like the opening of a new world to him who has never seen them. There is no geographical knowledge acquired, no practical information gained of the magnitude and resources of a country like that resulting from personal observation.

The cities of St. Louis, Kansas City and Chicago, which the President proposes to visit, are great commercial centres of an immense empire of water-riding people, rich with unlimited resources, and assured of almost fabulous prosperity.

The Critic mistakes that he acquires a comprehensive knowledge of the extent of our Republic, to become familiar with its boundless resources and the diversified interests of the people, the Chief Executive (and the members of the National Legislature as well) should visit all sections of the Union and from personal observation become better qualified to discharge the sacred trust confided to their exalted positions.

The convict lease system in Georgia is one of those things that no right-minded person can view with complacency. It should be kept as far as possible out of the President's sight during his forthcoming visit to that State.

Another disarming offer has fallen into mishaps—the clerk of Payne-master of the Portsmouth Navy-Yard, who seems, like others, to have

taken advantage of the fact that he was an old and trusted official, and helped himself to about three thousand dollars that did not belong to him. There is something contagious in official defalcations. Hence all the greater need of prompt and vigorous sanitary measures.

WHAT is the matter with our esteemed contemporary, the National Republican, that it should assail the District Commissioners so spitefully this hot weather? It seems to THE CRITIC that to be fair, our neighbor should be more specific in its charges against the triumvirate. We do not believe in the suppression of a single item of legitimate news, and we are hardly prepared to believe that the Commissioners propose to keep the papers out of anything they are entitled to have. The people have a right to know what is going on in the District buildings, and it is through the press that they must get the most of their knowledge.

So that whenever the Commissioners set up a Star Chamber establishment we shall certainly go for them. But where's the evidence that any such policy is determined on? We fear our contemporary is a victim to this blinding temperature.

"Oh, coming," says the New York Times, "it is not expected that the coming celebration at Philadelphia will be the main, essential observance of the foundation of the Government. The great national ceremony will be reserved for the spring of 1893. Our New York contemporary should have added 'at the National Capital.' But this is pretty well understood.

This political gossip which has recently found its way into print, is the effect that the members of the House of Representatives will organize on party lines instead of party lines, simply signify what a depressing and demoralizing effect upon the human intellect an extraordinary hostility of the mid-summer atmosphere will sometimes have.

Not only St. Louis, but Kansas City, St. Paul, Chicago, Milwaukee and various other Western cities, want the pleasure of a visit from the President. Cannot some way be devised of making a lump job of these invitations? The latter is decidedly too warm for any unnecessary prolongation of formalities.

The President will have an opportunity while in St. Louis of consulting the oracles of the Vellid Prophet; but it will hardly be worth his while. What he really would say is already apparent. He would say that he might make a guess at the majority, but we all know the rest.

"WELL," says the Vicksburg Herald speaking of the exclusion of colored troops from the International Encampment at Chicago, "when the Yankees do start, they draw the color line more caustically than the South-erners."

The St. Louis delegation are making pilgrimages to the tomb of the First President to-day. May they return full of patriotic inspiration.

St. Louis to-day is the best-pleased town in the United States.

NOTES AND GOSSIP.

MAJOR HENRY FINA, vice-president of the Richmond and Danville Railroad system, is now in Germany taking a rest.

There is an American College in Rome, but it has no American students, and is therefore not really an American college.

The late Sylvia de Cuba, wife of 100 serial stealer and over 200 sketches. How many people know the title of any of them?

Rev. W. F. Adams, Archbishop of the Diocese of Boston, Mass., is expected to visit Boston this week. He left Vicksburg last night.

Miss Leonard is still confined to her bed at Cambridge, and though she is improving, the medical opinion is that she will not be much more sedentary than at first supposed.

Miss Henry Ward Beecher is at her son's summer residence at Islip, Long Island, engaged now to write the biography of her late husband. The book will be out about September 1.

What is the difference between a woman putting on a pair of corsets and a man entering politics? Very little. One goes into rags, the other into a jail.—(Hunting Free Press.)

The most expensive car ever built by the Pullman, says the Chicago Mail, cost \$40,000, and it went to smash in a railroad wreck. The average Pullman costs \$15,000, the vestibule car, \$18,000.

GENERAL BLANDHETH, Commissioner-General of Subsistence on Governor Hill's staff, is nearly 80 years of age. He is a son of Blandheth, the famous pill manufacturer, and has a beautiful place at Sing Sing.

St. Louis courts have decided that baseball can be played on Sunday. Now if the St. Louis club could play on the other side of the river, the other side of the bridge would be comparatively happy.—(Liber Occas.)

The New York correspondent of the Troy Times, talking of the President's contemplated tour, says that by actual count 5,000 vehicles pass up and down Broadway every hour during the business day. It is said that 17,000 persons pass the Astor House every hour.

REVEREND CHURCHMAN of Indianapolis arrived in New York yesterday from Rome. He says that Dr. McGlynn's condemnation was the result of his contumacy. "A priest is like a soldier, he must obey his superiors, no practical information gained of the magnitude and resources of a country like that resulting from personal observation.

There is a silent mystery.

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NEW BOOKS RECEIVED. From A. S. Withers & Co., Brentano's, Ed. SYSTEM. A novel by Mrs. G. M. South, author of "Gabriel Andre," "Little Topsy," etc. New York; D. Appleton & Co.

THE RAG OF DIAMONDS. By George Manning, author of "Double Canoe," "Master of Ceremonies," etc. New York; D. Appleton & Co.

Dairymple Doubles Its. From the Critic in yesterday's issue, under the head of "Dairymple and County." The Critic states that the largest wheat field in the world is that of ex-Congressman Reed, in Stanislaus County, California, 10,000 acres, and that it would yield 400,000 bushels, etc. We would advise you not to forget Mr. Dairymple's little wheat patch in Northeastern Dakota, containing over 21,000 acres (in one field). The statement as to the yield of Mr. Reed's farm, is very much inflated—400,000 bushels from 10,000 acres would be 40 bushels per acre. We have been over Reed's ranch and many others in Stanislaus County and other portions of the San Joaquin and Sacramento valleys, but never saw 40 bushels per acre as 40 bushels per acre is 40 bushels is considered a good average yield.

J. V. OBERMEYER, Washington, D. C., July 25.

The Right Color and Fit. Lady in St. Louis bookstore—I will look at some books, please.

Proprietor—Yes, ma'am. What color and size do you want?

Lady—Blue and gold, I think, and something about nine inches long and five inches wide.

On Her Own Resources. "Oh, how I wish I had a little more money," said the patiently asked her little three-year-old daughter, "I don't know," replied the infant with innocent eye and a mischievous smile. "I suppose I should have to go to work," said the mother, looking at her.

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